

DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities
Minutes
January 22, 2009

Attendance:

Commissioners:

Karen Wolf-Branigan
Seth Galanter
Denise Decker (by telephone)
Frank Anderson
Don Galloway
Charles Butler
Jon Mitchiner
Erica Nash (by telephone)

Staff:

Derek Orr
Christina Mitchell
Mat McCollough

Don Galloway opened the meeting with a discussion about last months meeting minutes. Karen Wolf-Branigan proposed an edit regarding the taxi cab proposed project. Charles Butler moved to accept the meeting minutes with the edits proposed by Ms. Wolf-Branigan. Frank Anderson seconded the motion and the DCCPD unanimously voted to approve the December minutes. Christina will post the minutes to the DCCPD webpage.

Mr. Galloway moved on the ODR Report. Jon Mitchiner asked a question regarding the number of ASL interpreter request that ODR has received and filled. Derek Orr explained that ODR averages 18 – 22 requests a month, totaling roughly \$15K a month. Erica Nash asked which agency averages the most requests thus far. Derek explained that the number varies each month sometimes it could be DMH, while other time DYRS or DCPS.

The DCCPD requested information on the status of the search for the ODR Director position. Mr. Orr explained that the process is under the leadership of the City Administrator's (CA's) office. It was his understanding that the CA's office was to conduct 10 phone interviews and is currently in the process of conducting approximately 6 in-person interviews. Following that, a panel is to be convened to meet the candidates. The date or composition of the panel is not known at this time.

Seth Galanter asked about the election poll accessibility report that was distributed via email by Mat McCollough. A brief discussion was held regarding the findings of the report and the implementation of the various improvements suggested before the next election cycle in 2-years.

Mr. Galloway distributed the project proposal regarding employment, after a brief summary of the project details, we heard discussed the remaining project proposals. Ms. Nash informed the DCCPD that she would submit her personal care proposal by the end of the day. After further discussion about all the proposed projects options Mr. Galanter proposed to move the topics under various committees with the understanding of moving forward with the assistive technology and OAG projects. Franks seconds the motion and the DCCPD unanimously voted to approve.

Policy & Planning	Outreach & Events	Evaluation & Monitoring
Sign Language Certifications	Assistive Tech. Directory	Case Handling by OAG
Visitability		
Transportation		
Taxicab Certification		

Ms. Nash asked who where the members on the Events Committee. Ms. Wolf-Branigan requested to be moved to the evaluation and monitoring committee upon approval from the Chair of the DCCPD and the Chair of the committee. Below please find our committees member listing.

Policy and Planning Committee

Frank Anderson (Chair)

Jon Mitchiner

Charles Butler

Denise Decker

Events and Outreach Committee

Erica Nash (Chair)

Don Galloway

Evaluation and Monitoring Committee

Seth Galanter (Chair)

Frank Anderson

Karen Wolf Branigan

Don Galloway

Each Committee Chair has agreed to connect the members of their team to set-up separate meetings time, either by phone, web or in-person.

Ms. Mitchell gave a brief update on the memorandum sent to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The new Director for the OBC agency is Tracey Sandler. They are currently reviewing new applications for the open committee member slots and working with the Mayor to appoint a chair for the DCCPD.

Ms. Mitchell discussed the options for video conferencing. Based on further back, we will be able to decide at the next meeting. Until the final decision is made ODR will utilize a laptop along with the Skype program. Mr. Mitchiner suggested another program Polycom. All of the findings will be reported during the February meeting.

Based on the outcome of video-conferencing, we will table the discussion about changing the meeting times.

The next DCCPD meeting is February 26, at 9:00 AM in conference room #1112.